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NOTES

Since the annual meeting the American Economic Association has received 140 new members. There have been 196 resignations and withdrawals, 11 have been dropped, and 11 members have died, making a net loss of 78. The present membership including subscribers is 2637.

The *Handbook* for 1913 will be issued as a supplement to the September number of the AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW. The secretary desires to make this directory of the members as accurate and up-to-date as possible. He therefore requests that any errors or changes of address that have not been reported be sent to him at once, as copy is now being prepared and will go to press within two weeks.

At the nineteenth annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, held at Ann Arbor, April 2-4, Professor Frank T. Carlton was re-elected vice-president, in charge of the section of economics. Among the subjects discussed before the economic section was the London dock strike of 1912, by C. E. Parry and W. H. Hamilton, of the University of Michigan; Farm organization as a factor in rural economics, by W. O. Hedrick, of Michigan Agricultural College, and Edward D. Jones, of the University of Michigan; The sphere of pecuniary valuation, by C. H. Cooley, of the University of Michigan, and F. T. Carlton, of Albion College; Sociological antithesis of socialism, by H. A. Miller, of Olivet College; The teaching of economics in the high school, by J. E. Mitchell, of Alma College, and J. M. Taylor, of the University of Michigan; The taxation of local public utilities in Michigan, by E. H. Ryder, of Michigan Agricultural College; and Public utility accounting in Michigan, by David Friday and H. C. Adams, of the University of Michigan.

The following persons have been chosen members of the President's Commission to study rural credit in Europe: Senator Fletcher, chairman; Senator Gore; Representative Moss; Dr. C. J. Owens; President Butterfield, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Col. Harvey Jordan, of Georgia; and Dr. J. L. Coulter. Dr. Coulter has been elected secretary of the commission.

Professor R. T. Ely gave a course of six lectures on "The conception of property in economic theory" at the London School of Economics and Political Science during the month of May.

The American Association for Labor Legislation has appointed a

committee on social insurance, as follows: Edward T. Devine, chairman, Miles M. Dawson, C. W. Doten, Henry J. Harris, Charles R. Henderson, Frederick L. Hoffman, I. M. Rubinow, Henry R. Seager, and John B. Andrews. This committee is making preparations for a national conference on social insurance, to be held in Chicago, June 6-7.

The first National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits was held in Chicago, April 8-10. Information in regard to the work of this association may be had of Charles W. Holman, secretary, Room 1408 Steiger Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

The discussion of aims, organization, and problems of various schools of commerce at the December meeting of the Western Economic Society appears in the "Journal of Political Economy." In the February number: The College of Commerce and Administration of the University of Chicago, by L. C. Marshall; The work of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, by R. C. McCrea; The Amos Tuck School of Dartmouth College, by H. S. Person; Training for business at the University of Wisconsin, by W. A. Scott. In the March number: Some propositions concerning university instruction in business administration, by E. D. Jones; The Northwestern University School of Commerce, by W. E. Hotchkiss; The place of the high school in commercial education, by J. J. Sheppard; Education for business, by J. E. Downey; The industrial training and placing of juveniles in England, by H. W. Jevons.

A fifth conference of the Western Economic Society, held at Chicago March 14-15, was devoted to a discussion of scientific management. A report of it may be found in "The Nation," March 27, page 304.

The American Statistical Association held a quarterly meeting and dinner at the Yale Club, New York city, on Thursday evening, April 17. There was a large number of local members present. President John Koren presided, and the general topic for discussion was "Municipal traffic statistics." The following papers were presented and discussed: Street railway traffic in New York city, by F. A. Weber, statistician of the public service commission; Vehicle traffic and the pedestrian situation, by E. P. Goodrich, consulting engineer for the city; and Accidents in American cities, by F. S. Crum, of the Prudential Insurance Co.

On the following evening, April 18, another meeting and dinner was held at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C. Vice-president E. Dana Durand presided and the principal paper of the evening

was read by F. C. Croxton, of the United States Bureau of Labor. The subject of this paper was "Recent price movements and the cost of living." The discussion was opened by George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint.

The American Academy of Political and Social Science devoted its annual meeting to "The cost of living," and the papers there presented will be published in the July issue of "The Annals."

The American Bankers Association will hold its annual convention in Boston, October 6-10.

The fortieth National Conference of Charities and Correction will be held in Seattle, July 5-12, 1913.

An English-speaking Conference on the Prevention of Infant Mortality will be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, on August 4-5, 1913 (immediately before the International Medical Congress). The executive committee is anxious that there be a large representation from the United States.

The New York State Bankers' Association will hold its 1913 convention in Ottawa, Canada, about the middle of June. The occasion will be availed of to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of peace between English-speaking people.

This year's social tour for study and observation, which is conducted by the International Civic Bureau, will sail from New York, on June 28; and the civic tour, on July 2. For further information address the chairman of the committee of arrangements, R. R. Miller, 1 Madison Ave., New York.

There has come to hand a *Report of the Educational Committee of the American Association of Public Accountants, giving Information on the Department of Commerce, Accounts, and Finance of One Hundred of the Leading Universities of the United States* (J. B. Geijsbeek; 801 Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo.). The survey here presented is compiled from answers to a questionnaire sent out to the twenty-two universities having departments of commerce. It shows that there is no uniformity in higher commercial education, as to the elective or compulsory studies, time devoted to these studies, use of textbooks, etc. The increasing popularity of the practical courses in universities is noted with satisfaction; but few educators would justify this, as does the committee, upon the "economic principle that the earning capacity of individuals indicates the standard of civilization." The conclusions of the report emphasize the account-

ant's need of a broader training, the desirability of having "practical men" for teachers, and the benefit of standardized courses. Public accountants are admonished to lend utmost aid to the education of business men in these schools of commerce, and so contribute to the permanency and the higher standard of their own profession. Though there are errors of judgment and incomplete data in this report, it will be advantageous for those who have charge of these subjects in our universities to consider the material herein presented and weigh its suggestions.

W. T. JACKMAN.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATION SCHOOLS. There was organized in New York city, January 24, 1913, a National Association of Corporation Schools. In a desultory, haphazard fashion some two hundred or more corporations in the United States have provided special educational courses for their employees. These corporation schools are without any educational clearing house. Accordingly the association has for its object the "aiding of corporations in the educational work of their employees by providing a forum for the interchange of ideas, and by collecting and making available data as to successful and unsuccessful plans in educating employees."

From the outset the association has received the strongest kind of support from a number of the largest corporations of the country. The railway, locomotive, electrical, gas, and machine industries have been especially helpful. The New York Edison Company, having a successful school of its own, and believing thoroughly in the idea of a national association, has been the leader in the movement. Upwards of fifty delegates represented about forty business corporations at the initial meeting. The capitalization of the charter members is in excess of two billion dollars, and the number of employees affected exceeds 230,000. In addition to the business interests, several associations and educational institutions sent delegates to the organization meeting.

Members admitted to the association are divided into three classes: A, company members; B, members; and C, associate members. The association, for the time being, will be in the control of the business corporations since class A members only have voting power.

The work of investigation and reporting is to be carried on by three permanent committees: a committee on membership, a committee on allied associations and movements, and an educational committee. The committee on allied institutions will connect the association with the work done in the older established forms of education, in uni-

versities, in high schools, and in vocational schools. Of especial interest to the economist is the work mapped out for the educational committee. This committee, in five subcommittees, will study and report on how best to teach (1) salesmanship and advertising, (2) manufacturing and transportation, (3) accounting, financing, and purchasing, (4) general office work, stenography, clerical work, filing and correspondence, and (5) physical efficiency, hygiene, sanitation, recreation, exercise, and the elements of psychology.

The officers of the association are: president, Mr. Arthur C. Williams of the New York Edison Company; secretary, Dr. Lee Galloway of New York University; and assistant secretary-treasurer, F. C. Henderschott of the New York Edison Company. The first annual convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio, in the new hall of education of the National Cash Register Company, September 16-19, 1913.

HENRY C. METCALF.

The Eugenics Record Office, established at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., in October, 1910, has organized a board of scientific directors which will meet annually to consider the projects most worthy of support for the ensuing year and to hear reports of the work of the office for the past year. The directors are Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, chairman; Dr. William H. Welch, professor of pathology at Johns Hopkins University, vice chairman; Professor Irving Fisher, Yale University; Professor Lewellys Barker, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Professor E. E. Southard, Harvard University; Dr. C. B. Davenport, secretary of the board and resident director.

Through the coöperation of the board of education of New York city with the educational work of the American Bankers Association, a course of six lectures on "Thrift" was given in March and April at Cooper Institute.

The summer session of the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy will open June 18. Two courses are offered: (1) Methods of social advance; (2) Principles and methods of relief and family rehabilitation.

The report of the board of directors of the American Academy of Political and Social Science gives assets for the year ending December 31, 1912, \$66,118.98 and no liabilities. In membership and subscriptions there has been a gain of 522, a loss through death of 74 making a total of 6,228.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union (Susan M. Kingsbury, director, 264 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.) offers four paid

fellowships and four honorary fellowships in economic research. The subjects of investigation concern the employment of women.

A circular in regard to the tenth contest for the Hart Schaffner & Marx prizes may be had of Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago.

Because of the insufficient number of manuscripts received, the competition for the Mercet prize, offered by the Société d'Economie Politique, has been extended (*cf.* AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW, vol. I, p. 977). The new subject is "L'évolution des idées protectionnistes depuis 1815." Manuscripts (in French) should be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the author and should be sent to M. Daniel Bellet, Secrétaire Perpétuel de la Société d'Economie Politique, Maisons-Laffitte, Paris, before December 31, 1914.

Professor Frank T. Carlton, of Albion College, is writing a book on "The Industrial Situation," one of a series of social service handbooks to be published in the near future for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Professor Carlton has also been asked to write a chapter entitled The Relation of the High School to the Industrial Life of the Community, in *High School Education*, vol. II, edited by Dean Johnston of the University of Kansas.

State Regulation of Prices and Wages, which has just been published as volume VI of the studies of the Minnesota Academy of Social Science, contains the following: The police power and economic welfare, by Ambrose Tighe; How far is state regulation of prices desirable, by Allen Albert; Advantages of a state public utilities commission, by B. H. Meyer; Advisability of a state public utilities commission for Minnesota, by Stiles P. Jones; Wages of women and children in Minnesota, by Josephine Schain; Minimum wage legislation, by John A. Ryan; The Wisconsin industrial commission, by P. J. Watrous; and Reorganization of the Minnesota labor department, by Don D. Lescohier.

Announcement is made that the Division of Bibliography of the Library of Congress will shortly publish a bibliography, *Additional References on the Cost of Living*, and a list of references on *Federal Control of Commerce and Corporations*.

The Macmillan Company will publish early in the summer *The Credit System*, by Professor W. G. L. Taylor, and *State Insurance*, by Professor W. F. Gephart.

Professor C. W. Doten, secretary of the American Statistical Association, announces that No. 4 of the "Quarterly Publications of the American Statistical Association" will be reprinted. Those who desire to complete their files should send in their orders at once.

The Women's Industrial Council (7 John Street, Adelphi, London, W. C.) has announced the publication of the *Teashop Girl*, a report of an inquiry into the work of waitresses, by B. Drake; and of *Domestic Service*, by M. G. Skinner. The council will send free on application copies of the current annual report and of "Women's Industrial News."

The first number of a new sixpenny weekly, "The New Statesman," was published in April (37 Norfolk St., Strand, London). It is conducted by Sidney Webb, Bernard Shaw, and others, and will deal with public affairs from a definitely new standpoint free from party trammels. It will give special attention to economic tendencies. As a supplement, beginning with the issue for May 12, is published "The Blue Book Monthly," which is devoted chiefly to parliamentary papers, but also deals with other English government publications and with important colonial, foreign, and local documents. It contains reviews or short notices of important documents and annotated lists (with prices) of others.

The "Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv: Zeitschrift für Allgemeine und Spezielle Weltwirtschaftslehre" (Gustav Fischer, Jena; G. E. Stechert & Co., New York) is a new quarterly edited by Professor Harms of the University of Kiel. The first number appeared in January, 1913. In editorial and typographical make-up it is suggestive of THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW. The first number contains 375 pages apportioned as follows: general articles, 130 pages; book reviews and notices, 117 pages; notes, etc., 92 pages; international statistics of gold, securities, and commodities, 35 pages. It is intended to be international in scope, as to articles contributed, books reviewed, and notes submitted, and presents a long list of associate editors, European, American, and even Asiatic. If succeeding numbers maintain the standard set by the first number, the periodical should be of distinct service, especially in the department devoted to literature. A serious problem to be overcome, however, is apparent in this number—the problem of properly editing numerous reviews contributed by many authors in many languages (cf. pp. 211-212).

H. S. P.

Verlag von Veit & Comp., Leipzig, announces "Die Geisteswissen-

schaften," a weekly edited by Otto Buek and Paul Herre. It is the purpose of this periodical to cover as broad a field as that of "Science," and it will contain articles, reviews, notes, and discussions.

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Charles G. Baird has been appointed graduate assistant in agricultural economics at the Massachusetts Agricultural College during 1913-14.

Miss Emily Greene Balch has been made professor of political economy and of political and social science at Wellesley College.

Dr. C. C. Carstens has been appointed a lecturer in the department of social ethics at Harvard University.

Professor T. N. Carver has been granted a year's leave of absence from Harvard, and on June 1 will take up duties in Washington as director of the Rural Organization Service. This service is being organized under the United States Department of Agriculture by Secretary David F. Houston, who has long been a member of our association. Its purpose is to promote the organization of all rural interests, but particularly along the lines of coöperative marketing and credit associations.

Professor E. J. Clapp has been granted an additional year's leave of absence from New York University.

Professor Katharine Coman has resigned from active work at Wellesley College and has been made professor emeritus.

Dr. John R. Commons will return to the University of Wisconsin in the fall upon the expiration of his term as a member of the Wisconsin Industrial Commission.

Mr. Luther Conant, Jr., has resigned as commissioner of corporations.

Dr. Ira. B. Cross, of Stanford University, has been giving a series of lectures on Social and Socialist Movements at the University of California. Dr. Cross will teach in the summer school of the University of Kansas in the department of sociology. He has also been appointed secretary to the Industrial Accident Board of California.

Professor John L. Coulter was a delegate to the General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture, held in Rome early in May.

Professor Herbert J. Davenport, of the University of Missouri, will give courses in political economy at the summer session of the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Fred Rogers Fairchild has been promoted to a professorship in Yale University. Professor Fairchild has just completed his work as a member of a special state commission for investigating the taxation of corporations in the state of Connecticut.

Professor Willard C. Fisher, of Middletown, has been employed by the state of Connecticut to draft a workmen's compensation law, in conference with the judiciary and labor committees of the General Assembly.

Dr. W. F. Gephart has been appointed professor of economics at Washington University, in charge of the department.

Miss Floy V. Gilmore has been appointed instructor of economics and sociology at Wellesley College.

Professor George G. Groat, of Ohio Wesleyan University, has accepted the appointment as professor of commerce and economics at the University of Vermont.

Dr. H. Herkner, professor at l'Ecole Technique Supérieure de Charlottenbourg, has been chosen professor at the University of Berlin to succeed Dr. Schmoller.

Miss Emily J. Hutchinson has resigned her position as instructor in economics at Wellesley College to accept a similar position at Barnard College.

Mr. Eliot Jones, of Harvard University, has been appointed instructor in economics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Professor J. L. Laughlin has returned to his professorial work at the University of Chicago. Since June, 1911, he has given the larger part of his time to the work of the National Citizens' League for the promotion of a sound banking system.

Dr. F. U. Quillin, of Knox College, has been conducting a campaign for the reform of the credit system in Galesburg, Illinois.

Professor W. E. Rappard, of Harvard University, has been appointed by that institution to represent the business school and the university on the tour of the Boston Chamber of Commerce in South America.

Professor E. R. A. Seligman was recently elected a member of the Accademia dei Lincei, in the section devoted to moral, historical, and philological science. There are 45 foreign members, 9 of whom belong in a group of social sciences. This group is made up as follows: Wagner, Marshall, Leroy-Beaulieu, Menger, Lexis, Schmoller, De Foville, Böhm-Bawerk, Seligman. Out of the total number of 146 foreign members, there are 6 Americans, as follows: Pickering,

astronomy; Walcott, geology; Wilson, of Columbia, zoölogy; Hale, astronomy; Michelson, of Chicago, physics; Seligman, of Columbia, economics.

Professor J. Russell Smith sailed in March to study tree crops in Mediterranean countries under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. His work on *Commercial and Industrial Geography* is now being printed by Macmillan.

Professor Frank T. Stockton, of the University of Rochester, will next year be at Indiana University.

Dr. N. I. Stone, statistician of the late Tariff Board, has been engaged to conduct an investigation for the Wage Scale Board of the Dress and Waist Industry of New York.

Dr. Francis Walker is now acting commissioner of corporations pending the appointment of a new commissioner.

Mr. R. B. Westerfield has been appointed instructor in political economy at Yale University.

Dr. Allyn A. Young has been appointed professor of economics and finance at Cornell University.

Promotions in Harvard University: Dr. Edmund E. Day to an assistant professorship in economics; Dr. Robert F. Foerster to an assistant professorship in social ethics; Dr. James Ford to an assistant professorship in social ethics.

At the University of Missouri, Mr. Walter Stewart is appointed to an assistant professorship and Mr. George P. Comer and Mr. Leon Ardzrooni to instructorships.

At Leland Stanford Junior University, Stephen I. Miller, Jr., and Donald F. Grass have been promoted to the rank of assistant professor and William E. Cox has been appointed acting instructor in economics.

At the School of Commerce, Accounts, and Finance of New York University, Mr. Edwin R. Lupton has been appointed instructor in commerce; and Mr. Major B. Foster, instructor in finance.

Professors John A. Fairlee and W. T. Dodd, of the University of Illinois, and Mr. Edward W. Bemis, have been engaged in the preparation of a bill for a state public utilities commission for Illinois.

Lester F. Ward died in Washington, April 18. Apart from his writings in botany and geology his published works include: *Psychic Factors of Civilization*, *Psychological Basis of Social Economics*, *Political Ethics of Spencer*, *Principles of Sociology*, *Outlines of Sociology*, *Sociology and Economics*, and *Pure Sociology*.